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GREAT MAN'S DEATH

Country He Served So Well Re-

members Lincoln's Work

With Gratitude.

A o'clock Friday evening, April 14,

1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in the back of the

head behind the left ear and mortally injured. At 22 minutes past seven

o'clock the next morning, Saturday,

There have been many and vast

changes since that fateful day, and the

prayer which Lincoln prayed that the country might be one again has been

answered in a way that would have re-joiced his great heart. Not an anni-versary of his birth and death has passed since his cruel taking off on

which some tribute has not been paid to his memory, and so it will be to the

end of time among generous Ameri-

herited sentiments; for, however he

may have been misjudged in the confusion and stress of antagonistic opin-

ion, there is none now who does not

praise him for his courage and his

faithfulness to his honest convictions.

15, 1865, in his fifty seventh year at the very scuith of his powers. The

books are full of the story of his life

and work, but there are still many in

teresting facts connected with him that have not yet been noted notwith-

standing the industry of those who

have collected great muses of every

thing they could find in any way con-

Mr. tancoln as averyone knows

was shot by Booth while he was at

American Cousin" held the boards that

meht and Laura Keene was playing the part of Florence Trenchard for

the inst time. She had already per

formed the same part for a thousand

olayed the role at McVicker's theater in Chicago the night of the day or

which Mr. Lincoln was nominated to

president by the Republican convention, in May, 1860, and all unconscion

of the terrible tragedy, she played wit.

the theater was ringing with laughter

and applause, came the crack of th

nisted shot from the president's no

that plunged the country into mourn

was removed across the street trop

the theater to the residence of Will

liam Petersen, a highly respected mor-

chant tailor, who lived directly oppo-

site the playhouse, at 516 Tenth street,

This house is still standing, as is also

the old Ford theater, and both are now

owned by the government. There have

been few changes in the Peterson

has been devoting himself to the as-sembling together of an invaluable

collection, in which are included more

than three thousand relies, which con-

stitute, as Elizabeth Porter Gould has said, "one of the most interesting and

valuable ever collected in behalf of

tains 250 funeral sermons, about sev-

enty pieces of music, a thousand vol-

umes relating to Lincoln, 300 portraits,

busts and medals, photographs of Booth, pictures of the assassin, the

family cradle in which the Lincoln

The collection con-

For 40 years Osborn H. Oldroyd

house.

a human being."

After Mr. Lincoln had been shot he

incommon cleverness, and shile ye-

Five years before she not

tending a theatrical performance

Ford a theater in Washington

nected with his life and death

He was born in Kentucky February 12, 1809, and died in Washington April

wherever their residence or in-

April 15, 1865, he died.

TWENTY minutes past ten

ern and Southern Oklahoma.

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## Muskogee News Notes in Brief

Speaking of spelling in our colored | During the coming summer in affil-schools, let's see? Who flung drt stion with Langston Institute there brick?

The sudden change in the weather at Monday spoiled the opportunity at the Frances itarpet Club to give a accessful Martha Washington Party the Liberary and Archangement which is greatly to the last Monday spoiled the opportunity for the Frances Harper Club to give a successful Martha Washington Party

auccossful Marina Washington Party for the Library
N'ss Glean, stater of Prof. W. F.
Clean, and one of the able teachers of Dumbar School, has returned.
The colored ettrens of Summit. Tart and Wybark are sitting enton the front verandas of evenings liste-ing to the plane in front of the Pa-lime. That many is some noise.

ing to the plane in front of the Patime That place is some roise. Heary Pack has recently come into possession of some valuable land in the Cushing oil field. Henry's friender are all hoping he will soon be in the Surah Rector class.

While the sisters and brothers of the Central Baptist Church were recently united in prayer and song some smeak third entered the cleak room and swiped a number of coats, cleaks and hats. Thanks to the energy of Ross, McClendon everything except one hat was recovered by noon next day hat was recovered by moon next day. The Reverend assures every one that they can attend services without leave ing their clothes and money at hom

Fire Escape at Carter

It is said that a prayer meeting was actually held at the Carter Building recently which concluded without a dance. While the reporter was chasing this down to verify it, it was learned that a fire escape is to be classed on the west wall of this building to enable Muskogee preachers and other religiously inclined persons to get out of the hall after public entered to the control of the second or the control of the second of the second or the control of the second or the second of the second or the second of the second or the tertainments before terusichorean couples whiz by under their noses dancing the "lame duck." Old Anaeins may have told binger lies than these to adorn a tale and point a

Southern Commercial Congress.
It develops that the promoters of
the Southern Commercial Congress
which is to be held here in April
have learned that guite a number of
colored business men from the southcolored business men from the southern states will be in attendance. In order to provide for their proper care and entertainment while in the city a number of Musicogee colored citizens were called into consultation by the president of the Rotarians. Mr. Dawson, and the necessary arrangements are to be made

The Harrison Recital.

Prof. Richard Harrison, the well known and highly talented dramatic reader gave a recital during the week for the benefit of the Dorcas Hospital, one of the worthiest Negro enterprises in the city and which has been advanced to its present condition of great usefulness to the community through the efforts of Mrs. Julia Nickcus and the ladies associated with her in the Dorens Club.

Big Baptist Audiences

Big Baptist Audiences.
The various lightist churches, the
1st, 2nd, Central and Antioch were
each and all attended during last
Sunday by their naual large audiences. The Rev S. S. Jones announced important meetings for the week and a concert which Choirmaster Green has in proparation. The Rev Ariuston Wilson delivered a sermon which reached deeply into the hearts of his congregation. The collections for the day were satisfactory.

The Negro Fair.

The promoters of the proposed great independent Negro Fair which is to be held in Muskogee from the 6th to the 11th of the coming September are getting ready to launch an energetic campaign to awaken the Negroes of Oklahoma in the enter-urise President J. W. Kintz, one of Muskagee's leading citizens and merchants is giving considerable attention to the work of the association. The premium list which is hoped to interest and to inspire the egro agriculturists of the state will be issued soon. tember are getting ready to launch an

Mr. J. M. Love reports that his wheat crop is in fine condition and he is giving his time to the preparation for early spring planting on his large

Mr. Jack oward and Mr. Jake Sim-mons of Haskell were deeply inter-ested listeners to the address deliv-ered by Prof. Kelly Miller. Mr. How-ard is busy these days looking after the interests of his form and ranch lands.

The Mardames Gray and Gentry were among the acciety ladies who torned out to essist the J. W. Adams Co. in the great cotton sale put on last Saturday.

children were rocked, an original black locust rail split by the young man. then never dreaming of the place he was to fill in the history of the world the family Pible from which Lincoln's mother read to him when he was a boy, and literally thousands of other things in some sort associated with the murdered president.

# N. E. PYRTLE, Proprietor WORDS THAT

Washington's Address to Troops at Long Island a Marvel of Eloquence.

From an address delivered before the bat-tie or Long Island, 1776. THE time is now



near at hand which must probabiy determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any prop erty they can call their own whether their houses and farms are to be piliaged and destroyed,

and themselves consigned to a state wretchedness from which no human forts will deliver them. The fate of anborn millions will now depend under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of a brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer of to

Our own, our country's honor, calls upon us tor a vigorous and maniy ex-ertion; and i, we now shamefully fail, shall become infamous to the whose world Let us, then rely on the goodnes of our cause, and the ald of the supreme being, in whose hands victory is to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions. The eyes of all our countrymen are now good us; and we shall have their blessings and praises, it happily we are the instruments of saving them from the tyrangs meditated against them. Let us, therefore, animate and encour age each other, and show the whole world that a freeman, contending for inderty on his own ground, is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth.

taberty, property, life and honor are all at stake. Upon your courage and conduct rest the nopes of our bleeding and insulted country. Our wives, children and parents expect satety from us only; and they have every reason to believe that heaven will crown with success so just a cause The enemy will endeavor to intimidate by show and appearance. but remember they have been repulsed on various occasions by a few brave Americans. Their cause is bad-their men are conscious of it, and if op-nosed with firmness and coolness on their first onset, with our advantage works, and knowledge of the ground, the victory is most assuredly

#### SOLD RELICS OF WASHINGTON

Two Authenticated Pistols and a Med icine Chest of His Auctioned in New York.

Two pistols which Ceorge Washing ton carried through the Revolution, a medicine chest which belonged to him and "Light Horse Harry" were sold at suction at New York dur-ing the past year. There are no Washington pistols in Mount Vernon or in the National museum at Wash ington

The genuineness of the offerings was attested by a documentary rec ord of their sale in 1804, in Alexandria. Va. at the disposal of the effects of Washington's secretary, Bartholomey Dandridge, to whom the general presented the weapons. Their presence in 1893 at the partition of the Marstelentate is attested. Col. Philip G. Marsteller, one of Washington's pallbearers, bought them at the Dandridge sale for £6:3a

The pistols are of the flintlock type. They were made by Hawkins of London and bear the gunmaker's guild proof mark "G. P." Silver hands across the butts are engraved "General George Washington."

The medicine chest is of mahogany and walnut, about one foot square, with brass handles. Lee's flag is about two feet square It had failen apart from age, but the pieces were saved and are held in place by thin netting.

Washington the Man.

Washington occupies a unique place, not only in the history of the United States, but in the history of the world. No man of such recent years enjoys such a splendid perspective. America views him, not as a man but as a temigod. He tooms vast, a hero with the awesome, inspiring spiendor that avests the deities of Greek mytholosy. And yet, Washington the man is very real to us.

May his memory be cherished for-

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United States Defenses, How ever, Are Short of Men.

Works on Corregidor Almost as Im pregnable as Gibraltar or Helgoland -Great Fortifications Which Guard National Capital.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

(Staff Correspondent Western Newspaper Union.) Washington—Since the war broke out in Europe much has been beard about Helgoland as an impregnable fortress. In some statements it has been said that next to Gibraltar, Helgoland is the hardest fortress nut to crack in the whole world

Now comes the United States to maintain that it has a fortress that is not only not second to Heigeland in strength, but perhaps not even to Gibraltar itself. Army and navy men seem to think that the fortress of Corregidor which guards the entrance to Manila in the Philippines can hold off any of the world's forces and abprevent any possibility successful attack on Manila by way of its immediate front.

Corregidor only recently has been put into trim. Now it is understood that its big guns are all manned and that soon it will have a trained force of men equal to the perasion of working the weapons of offense for a period as protracted as any war is in some respects said Corregidor resembles Gibraltar.

Much has been written recently about the fortifications on the coasts of the continental United I aring the discussions in the committees of congress on the subject of the military preparedness of the United States it has been said that our forts and our guns are all right, out that we have not men enough to man them. From the re-port of the chief of coast artillery. General Weaver it is apparent that what has been said just about sume up the situation. Congress it is expected will provide men enough to man our guns, for otherwise we wi! be in a position of having spent a lot of money for " 's which we cannot

In the year 1814 the British at tacked Washington. In order to reach this city today a foreign foe, unless it can land an army, will be compelled to run by the fortifications at the mouth of Chesapeake bay and by other fortifications which protect the reaches of the lower Potomac.

Fortress Monroe, which is one of the guards to the entrance of the Chesapeake, is an old post and the layman who looks at it and sees the old parapets with their granite facings can not conceive that it would withstand the shots from modern guns. The truth is that old Fortress Monroe is occupied only for show purposes and for the uses of peaceful garrison life. Connected with the old fort are the new fortifications with their big dis-appearing guns Fortress Monroe commands not only the entrance to the Chesapeake but the entrance to the James river.

In Hampton Roads, whose waters are at the mouth of the lames and mingle with those of the ocean, there is a low-lying American fort with powerful guns. It is an aid to Fortress Monroe, and between the two any fleet no matter how powerful, would have a hard time of it trying to break an entrance either into the James river or Chesapeake bay.

Recently the government purchased land on Cape Henry and there another fort is to be built. Ships trying to get into Chesapeake or to the James the Cape Henry guns betor they get within range of the Fortress Monroe or the Hampton Roads guns. It is believed by military experts that no fleet in the world ever can force its way into Chesapeake oay or the James river thence to go with its lighter draft vessels by the water route either to Bastimore, Washington or

#### BOMBS HURLED LIKE A BALL

French Devise Scheme Whereby Fuse Is Set After the Grenade Is Thrown.

Paris .- . hand grenade devised by the French to throw into the enemy's trenches when they are within reach is about as large as a baseball. A string, tied to the wrist of the throw er, pulls out a plug from the ball af-ter it has left the hand. A spring is released, which sets the fuse for the explosive charge going. This fuse may be regulated from one second to two or three seconds, or intermediate fractions, and thus adjusted to explode wher it reaches the hostile trench.

#### HONOR GRANT'S SON-IN-LAW

Prince Cantacuzene Decorated Czar for Bravery in Campaign in Galicia.

Washington. - Prince Cantacuzene. husband of Julia Dent Grant, has been decorated by the ezar for heroism in Phone 2112 the Galician campaign, and Wilhelm von Rath has received the iron cross for distinguished service on the French and Russian frontiers. Von Rath, who is engaged to be married to Cecilia May, has been invalided to his home in Frankfort, where Miss May is a guest. He was formerly atached to the German embassy here.

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